# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7115
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TRANSFER OF DEFENCE LAND TO M.M.C. IN MUMBAI
PRABHUNATH SINGH

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the defence land can be transferred to any other agency by any subordinate authority without the sanction of the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if not, the reasons as to how an area of 15000 sq. metres of land in Mumbai was ordered to be transferred to Mumbai Municipal Corporation by the Headquarters Western Naval Command;

(c) whether an inquiry has been held in the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken to check such unauthorised transfer of defence land in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. As per the extant instructions, no transfer/alienation of Defence land may take place without prior approval of Government.

(b) Headquarters, Western Naval Command has not transferred any Defence land to Mumbai Municipal Corporation.The Corporation has, however, been permitted to do black topping of a 15 meter wide strip of Defence land adjoining the main Municipal road leading to Defence civilian Housing colony at Pawai.

(c) to (e): The matter has been brought out in audit, in the report of the C&AG for the year ended 31.3.1998 and the same is under consideration of the Government.